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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/696,221-Conf. #9619 First Named Applicant: Craig Ogg
Examiner: R. Wu Art Unit: 3628 Status of Application: After Final

Tentative Participants:

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(3) Examiner Rutao Wu (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: July 14, 2009 Proposed Time: 4 pm Eastern Daylight Time

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>35 USC §103</u>	<u>9-11, 14-23, 31, and 32</u>	<u>Ogg in view of Allport</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>35 USC §103</u>	<u>24-30, 33, 34, and 36-39</u>	<u>Ogg in view of Katikaneni</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☒ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Please see attached pages 2-4.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP §713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

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Applicant respectfully asserts that the currently claims are patentable over the references because the claims include limitations which are not taught or made obvious by the references.

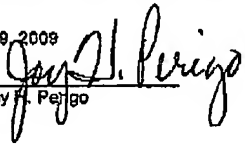

For example, claim 9 recites "printing said plurality of postage indicia ... on blank labels ... and printing an image on the blank" Allport's image is not printed within the blank the postage indicia is printed. Rather, Allport's image is printed in a completely different area of the envelope.

If an agreement regarding claim 9's novelty cannot be reached, then Applicant requests the Examiner's opinion regarding how to better word the limitations such that the inventive concept of the claim is described in a manner that, in the Examiner's opinion, sufficiently distinguishes the claim over the references. For discussion purposes only, Applicant includes a proposed amendment of claim 1 (see Attachment 1), which may aid in this discussion should it become necessary.

In another example, claim 24 recites "monitoring the progress of mail pieces in a high-speed letter processing system . . . and coordinating the operation of the postage indicium applicator and a postage evidencing system that creates the indicia to ensure that the correct postage indicia are applied to each envelope." Ogg does not teach this limitation. From reading Ogg and the Office Action, it seems that claim 24 is not being given its intended meaning; thus, Applicant requests discussion of the claim's interpretation. If, with the current claim language, a claim meaning cannot be agreed upon, Applicant invites discussion regarding how to amend the claim such that the claim will be afforded its intended meaning by the Examiner.

Again, we thank you for the time and effort you have dedicated to this application and your commitment to furthering this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

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<p>I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via fax accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).</p> <p>Dated: July 9, 2009</p> <p>Signed:  Joy F. Perigo</p>		
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Attachment 1
Proposed Claims for Discussion Purposes ONLY

9. (Proposed Claim Amendment) A method for printing postage indicia on labels comprising:

receiving information associated with a plurality of mail pieces that require postage, wherein the information is used to determine the amount of the required postage for each of a plurality of postage indicia to be printed;

printing said plurality of postage indicia corresponding to the required postage amounts on blank labels, wherein each of the postage indicia is associated with a particular one of the plurality of mail pieces, wherein each of the postage indicia includes a selected image. ~~[[and]] wherein at least two of the postage indicia are not identical; and printing an image on the blank, wherein each of the postage indicia are associated with a mail piece that is designated for a particular recipient; and wherein the image postage indicia is selected based upon one or more characteristics of the particular recipient.~~